IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re Application of:

WILLIAMS, JR. ET AL. Group Art Unit: 2616

Application No. 10/051,728 Examiner: MATTIS, Jason E

Confirmation No. 8646

Filing Date: January 15, 2002

For: Method And Apparatus using a Random Indication to Map Items to Paths and to Recirculate or Delay the Sending of A Particular Item when a Destination over its Mapped Path is

Unreachable

AMENDMENT E

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action dated April 1, 2008, and the references cited have been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.